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From the Chaplain

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

- Hamilton Wright Mabi

May we fully enter into the spirit of the Christmas season. Together, let us make our community, our hearts, and our homes welcoming places and actively challenge ourselves to take the initiative to find more and better ways to provide for others.



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Jingle Bell Jog

This fun 5 K run will take place at Sullivan Gym on Dec. 13 starting at 9 a.m. This event is open to all ages, runners will receive T-shirts & jingle bells, and trophies will be awarded. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on event day. (\$5 entry fee) be ready to run into a healthier Holiday Season! Call Sullivan Gym at DSN 385-2001 or civilian 0621-730-2001 for additional information.

Holiday Card Lane Contest

Units and organizations submit a wooden card for the Holiday Card Lane Contest by Dec. 10! This year's theme is "a smile, a cheer love from someone far and near... best wishes for the coming year!" Entries must be on 4x4 to 4x8 wooden boards. The front side must show the holiday theme and the back side must be painted with weather-resistant paint. For additional information, please call Army Community Service at DSN 385-3101 or civilian 0621-730-3101.

Angel Tree

Help a local child have a joyous holiday by donating a gift now until Dec. 12. Simply select an angel that identifies the gender and age of a child, purchase a gift, and drop it off at one of the trees located at the Mannheim AAFES Main Exchange, the PX-tra / Toyland (Spinelli Barracks), or Army Community Service (Sullivan Bks., Bldg. 253). Due to force protection issues, gifts need to be unwrapped. Volunteers are needed for gift wrapping and inventory assistance please. For additional information, please call Army Community Service at DSN 385-3101 or civilian 0621-730-3101.

Santa Workshop.

Bring the kids to the newly renovated CDC Center (bldg 696) on Saturday, 06 Dec, and have them spent some time in Santa's workshop. Located behind the BFV Bowling alley, the workshop will be open from 1000-1300 hours with a fun, festive activities for kids including games, snacks, and a visit from Santa. For additional info, call DSN 385-2923/380-9633 or CIV 0621-730-2923/9633

Holidays Around the World

Child, Youth, School & Services invites the community to the Holidays Around the World! Come and learn how other countries celebrate the holidays. There will be different stations throughout the facility dedicated to various countries. This event will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

Youth Services: Dec. 20, 2-4p.m.

Family Child Care: Dec. 22, 1-3 p.m.

Child Development Center: Dec. 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

School Age Services: Dec. 24, 1-3 p.m.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

School News

Elementary School (MES)

Parent Leadership Needed – Interested Call MES

02-03 Dec, Loss Prevention Seminar

17 Dec, School Advisory Meeting

22 Dec, Winter Recess

05 Jan, School begins

Info: Sharon Overstreet, Principal, 380-4705/MC 7188090

Middle School (MMS)

10 Dec, Drama Production

11 Dec, Early Withdrawal Day

17 Dec, Spelling Bee

Info: Shelia Smith, Principal, 380-9181/MC 730-9181

High School (MHS)

03 Dec, Band Concert

04 Dec, Beyond the Bison Years

10-11 Dec, Acceleration

18 Dec, Annual Christmas Dinner

Mannheim High School still has openings for Special Education position.

Info: Sharon O'Donnell, Principal, 380-4092/MC 730-4092

Winter Recess 22 Dec 08-02 Jan 09

Mannheim Youth Services

YS programs will be held at the Tennis Courts located BFV, Bldg. 725.

Holidays Around the World: Dec. 20, 2 - 4p.m.

Special Event: New Year's Formal Dance

Come dressed to impress on Jan. 3 from 7-11 p.m. There will be a DJ, food, and various fun activities.

Dec. 1, 4- 5 pm.: **Career Launch-** Teens ages 13 -18 find out more about careers and mentoring programs, plus receive a Portfolio that contains a Teen Tips booklet with helpful interviewing and on-the-spot job tips.

Dec. 2, 16 & 30; 4-5 p.m.: **Dragon Fly Quest-** Take a unique scientific investigative journey and demonstrate how to engage in the process of scientific investigation.

Dec. 4 & 18; 4 - 5 p.m.: **Keystone Club-** A teen leadership club for youth ages 15-18

Dec. 8, 4 - 5 p.m.: **SMART Girls-** Female youths learn about different aspects of teen life.

Dec. 10 & 24; 4 - 5 p.m.: **Club Tech-** Build your own web page, explore the internet, and build computer skills.

Dec. 11, 4- 5 pm: **Promise Passport-** Find out more about volunteering in your community.

Dec. 12, 4-5 p.m.: **4 - H Club-** Cooking Club, Photography Club, Middle School Council, and High School Council are all combined in one.

Dec. 9 & 23; 4 - 5 p.m.: **Ultimate Journey-** Learn about and explore nature (bugs, birds, trees, fish, animals, minerals, etc).

Dec. 19, 4-5 p.m.: **YAC (Youth Action Council)-** Youths voice your concerns and issues at Youth Town Hall Meetings.

Dec. 26, 4- 5 p.m.: **Youth Sponsorship-** Youths help incoming youths adjust and understand our programs and clubs.

Dec. 22, 4-5 p.m.: **Passport to Manhood-** Male youths

EFMP Respite Care Program: Mannheim has a new Respite Care program for Exceptional Family Members already enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program in a deployment cycle.

Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 253; 385-3101 or 0621-730-3101

ODDS & ENDS

03 Dec, Community Retirement Ceremony

05 Dec, Mannheim Garrison Holiday Party (reduced office hours)

06 Dec Santa Workshop

13 Dec Jingle Bell Jog

15 Dec, Community Planning Board

16 Dec Winter Safety Showdown

19-21 Dec, Mustang Invitational Basketball Tournament, Sports Arena

22 Dec, USAREUR Half-Day schedule begins (ends 2 Jan 09)

24 Dec, Christmas Candlelight Service

25 Dec, Federal Holiday—Christmas (26 Dec is USAREUR Training Holiday)

02 Jan, USAREUR Training Holiday

Army Community Service Classes

Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Level III: Dec. 1, 2 & 3; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Family members get educated on all aspects of military life.

Guten Tag, Kids: Dec. 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

This class helps kids in grades 1-6 to create a positive outlook on being in Germany.

FRG Funds Management Training: Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or Dec. 4, 5:30-8:30p.m.

This training covers the management and policies governing FRG funds. (Required of FRG Fund Custodians and recommended for FRG leaders & unit leadership)

Mannheim Orientation Spouses' Tour (MOST): Dec. 8, 9 & 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The three-day orientation for newcomers to Mannheim is open to spouses of active duty and civilian employees. MOST includes language instruction, information on your new community, and two tours off post.

Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leader 101: Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5:30-8:30 p.m.

This training includes an overview of the key factors essential to leading and managing an effective and successful FRG, guidance on managing volunteers and information on support networks and community resources available to FRG Leaders. (Mandatory for FRG leaders & recommended for anyone holding an FRG position).

Tschuss Kids: Dec. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Youths in grades 1-6 can discuss the changes they will experience once they leave Germany.

(Parents should disclose the info about their next duty station when registering their children for the class.)

Quarterly Family Readiness Group (FRG) Information Exchange and Training Forum: Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m. FRG Leaders and family members are invited to share and hear updates about issues affecting FRGs.

Multi Culture Club: Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Outreach & Relocation programs invite you to join us in our Monthly Multi Cultural Club Meeting.

This month come and join us for a German Holiday Celebration at our monthly meeting. Each meeting revolves around a specific topic and includes cultural events and activities such as cooking, dancing or a holiday craft.

Sponsorship Training for Soldiers: Dec. 17, 3-4 p.m.

Leaders and Soldiers can learn about S-Gate and how to be a good sponsor. The training explains the requirements of AR 600-8-8 and AE Reg 600-8-8.

Sponsorship Training for Leaders: Dec. 24, 3-4 p.m.

Unit leaders, sponsorship program managers, and trainers learn how to establish & maintain an effective sponsorship program.

Levy & Out-processing Briefing: Every Tues., 1-2:45 p.m.

Learn everything you need about your upcoming PCS. This is a mandatory Levy Brief for Soldiers and spouses are encouraged to attend. (BFV, Bldg. 255, Room 8 in the basement)

Stress Management: Call ACS for Date and Time